

DRAFT CONCEPT NOTE

LLDCS NATIONAL FOCAL POINTS MEETING IN THE MARGINS OF THE WORLD EXPORT DEVELOPMENT FORUM (WEDF)

Theme: “*Beyond Building Back better, finding tangible solutions for LLDCs in the next Decade*”

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1. Background

The UN General Assembly in its resolutions 76/217 and 77/246 mandated the convening of the Third UN Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDCs) in 2024. The Government of Rwanda offered to host the Conference in June 2024 in Kigali. The Conference aims to undertake a comprehensive review of the implementation of the Vienna Programme of Action for LLDCs for the Decade 2014-2024 (VPoA) and to formulate and adopt a renewed framework for international support to address the special needs of LLDCs and to strengthen partnerships between the LLDCs and transit countries and their development partners.

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